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SUBJECT: CONGRESSMAN FRASER'S REPORT ON GREECE

1. FOLLOWING ARE CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS  
CONTAINED IN CONGRESSMAN FRASER'S "REPORT OF A STUDY  
MISSION TO GREECE, JANUARY 18 TO 21, 1974".

QUOTE: OUR PRINCIPAL CONCLUSION ON SITUATION IN GREECE,  
IS THAT PRESENT GOVERNMENT CANNOT LONG ENDURE. MARKED BY  
INEXPERIENCE, ITS MEMBERS APPEAR WITHOUT REQUISITE TALENTS  
OR SKILLS FOR EXTRICATING COUNTRY FROM ITS POLITICAL AND  
ECONOMIC CHAOS. IMPORTANT QUESTION IS BY WHOM AND HOW  
THIS EXTRICATION WILL TAKE PLACE.

SECOND CONCLUSION IS THAT DEMOCRATIC OPPOSITION IN  
GREECE IS UNITED AS NEVER BEFORE WHILE GOVERNMENT IS  
DIVIDED AMONG THREE OR FOUR GROUPS EACH ATTEMPTING TO  
INFLUENCE PRESENT DE FACTO LEADER, GEN DIMITRIDS IOANNIDES.  
HOW DEMOCRATIC OPPOSITION CAN INFLUENCE IOANNIDES TO  
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FIND A PEACEFUL AND SECURE EXIT FROM PRESENT DEAD-END

IS PRINCIPAL POLITICAL QUESTION IN GREECE TODAY.

FOR UNITED STATES, PRINCIPAL CONCLUSION FROM OUR REPORT IS  
THAT WE HAVE PURSUED A FAULTY POLICY SINCE 1967 FROM

WHICH WE MUST NOW EXTRICATE OURSELVES. THERE IS NO EASY  
WAY TO DO THIS. DAMAGE HAS ALREADY OCCURRED TO AMERICAN  
INTERESTS IN GREECE AND MORE WILL OCCUR BEFORE PRESENT  
SITUATION ENDS. TO REDEEM U.S. INTERESTS AND TERMINATE  
AN UNFORTUNATE APPEARANCE OF SUPPORT FOR AUTHORITARIAN  
RULE, WE RECOMMEND FOLLOWING ACTIONS:

RECOMMENDATIONS:

A. A PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT THAT THE U.S. AIRCRAFT  
CARRIER SCHEDULED TO HOMEPORT IN GREECE THIS SUMMER  
WILL NOT BE DEPLOYED UNDER EXISTING CIRCUMSTANCES,  
AND THAT WE ARE AWAITING UNEQUIVOCAL AND IRREVERSIBLE  
STEPS TOWARD A FREE ELECTORAL PROCESS WHICH WILL END  
MILITARY RULE.

B. THE ASSIGNMENT OF A NEW AMERICAN AMBASSADOR  
WHO COMES FREE OF IDENTIFICATION WITH PAST AMERICAN  
POLICIES, EITHER WITH THEIR DESIGN IN WASHINGTON OR THEIR  
EXECUTION IN GREECE. THIS IS SAID WITHOUT REGARD TO ANY  
CRITICISM OF THE PRESENT AMBASSADOR OR HIS PREDECESSORS,  
OR THEIR STAFFS, OR OF PRESENT AUTHORS OF AMERICAN POLICY  
TOWARD GREECE IN WASHINGTON. A FRESH START IS NEEDED BY  
A SEASONED POLITICAL OBSERVER WHO CAN UNDERSTAND PRESENT  
EVENTS IN GREECE AND ADVISE THE PRESIDENT ON THEIR CON-  
SEQUENCES FOR UNITED STATES.

NO ONE CAN BE CERTAIN THAT THESE ACTIONS WILL HELP  
CITIZENS OF GREECE REGAIN CONTROL OVER THEIR OWN DESTINIES.  
BUT AMERICA'S RESPONSIBILITY TO ITS OWN TRADITIONS AND  
OUR ENLIGHTENED SELF-INTEREST COINCIDE, WE BELIEVE, IN  
MANDATING THESE TWO STEPS AS THE MINIMUM RESPONSE TO  
TODAY'S GREECE. THEY WILL ALSO INDICATE A SHIFT TOWARD  
SOLIDARITY WITH OUR EUROPEAN NATO ALLIES IN THEIR MORE  
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CONSISTENT OPPOSITION TO THE GREEK DICTATORSHIP.

INACTIVITY MAY BE PRINCIPAL HAZARD WHICH WASHINGTON,  
PREOCCUPIED ELSEWHERE, MUST OVERCOME UNLESS GREECE IS TO  
BECOME A MAJOR PROBLEM FOR UNITED STATES IN THE NEAR  
FUTURE. FOR GREECE, BUT ALSO FOR UNITED STATES, PRESENT  
DANGERS ARE GREAT AND TIME IS SHORT. UNQUOTE.

2. COPY OF REPORT, WHICH WILL BE RELEASED BY HFAC FEB 27,  
WILL BE SENT TO EMBASSY BY AIR POUCH. CASEY

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